

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☐ This communication is responsive to 7/15/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 6-8, 11-16, and 18-27, renumbered as 1-22.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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(b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 20.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. The application has been amended as follows, as was discussed in a phone conversation with Robert Irvine on August 30, 2005, at approximately 11 AM:

In claim 1, line 3, "comprising an LAC" is changed to "comprising an L2TP Access Concentrator (LAC)". In line 6, "comprising an LNS" is changed to "comprising an L2TP Network Server (LNS)". In line 11, "packets of the plurality of packets and routes the MPLS processed packets" is changed to "packets of the plurality of packets having an MPLS label and routes the MPLS processed packets in accordance with the MPLS label".

In claim 6, line 3, "comprising an LAC" is changed to "comprising an L2TP Access Concentrator (LAC)". In line 6, "comprising an LNS" is changed to "comprising an L2TP Network Server (LNS)". In line 9, "packets of the plurality of packets and routes the MPLS processed packets" is changed to "packets of the plurality of packets having an MPLS label and routes the MPLS processed packets in accordance with the MPLS label".

In claim 11, line 2, "comprising an LAC" is changed to "comprising an L2TP Access Concentrator (LAC)". In lines 4-5, "comprising an LNS" is changed to "comprising an L2TP Network Server (LNS)". In line 13, "packets and routes the MPLS processed packets" is changed to "packets having an MPLS label and routes the MPLS processed packets in accordance with the MPLS label".

In claim 16, line 3, "comprising an LAC" is changed to "comprising an L2TP Access Concentrator (LAC)". In line 6, "comprising an LNS" is changed to "comprising an L2TP Network Server (LNS)". In lines 9-10, "packets of the plurality of packets and routes the MPLS processed packets" is changed to "packets of the plurality of packets having an MPLS label and routes the MPLS processed packets in accordance with the MPLS label".

Claim 17 is cancelled.

In claim 18, lines 1-2 are deleted and changed to "A computer program on a computer readable medium, the program comprising:". In line 4, "comprising an LAC" is changed to "comprising an L2TP Access Concentrator (LAC)". In line 7, "comprising an LNS" is changed to "comprising an L2TP Network Server (LNS)". In lines 10-11, "packets of the plurality of packets and routes the MPLS processed packets" is changed to "packets of the plurality of packets having an MPLS label and routes the MPLS processed packets in accordance with the MPLS label".

2. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: in figure 4, the element labeled "Egress Module" needs to be also labeled with the element number 419. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

Conclusion

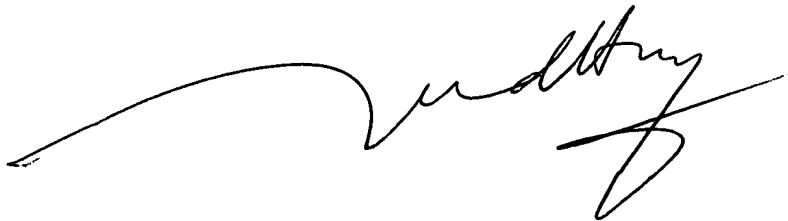
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cynthia L. Davis whose telephone number is (571) 272-3117. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 to 6, Monday to Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Huy Vu', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

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